

Calendar No. 293

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**S. 1657**

To amend section 44921 of title 49, United States Code, to provide for
the arming of cargo pilots against terrorism.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2003

Mr. BUNNING (for himself and Mrs. BOXER) introduced the following bill;
which was read the first time

SEPTEMBER 26, 2003

Read the second time and placed on the calendar

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ARMING CARGO PILOTS AGAINST TERRORISM.**

4 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
5 gress that members of a flight deck crew of a cargo air-
6 craft should be armed with a firearm and taser to defend
7 the cargo aircraft against an attack by terrorists that

1 could result in the use of the aircraft as a weapon of mass
 2 destruction or for other terrorist purposes.

3 (b) ARMING CARGO PILOTS AGAINST TERRORISM.—
 4 Section 44921 of title 49, United States Code, is amend-
 5 ed—

6 (1) in subsection (a) by striking “passenger”
 7 each place that it appears;

8 (2) in subsection (k)(2) by striking “flight or,”
 9 and all that follows through “command” and insert-
 10 ing “flight or any other flight deck crew member”;
 11 and

12 (3) by adding at the end of subsection (k) the
 13 following:

14 “(3) ALL-CARGO AIR TRANSPORTATION.—In
 15 this section, the term ‘air transportation’ includes
 16 all-cargo air transportation.”.

17 (c) TIME FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—In carrying out
 18 the amendments made by subsection (b), the Under Sec-
 19 retary for Border and Transportation Security of the De-
 20 partment of Homeland Security shall ensure that pilots
 21 of both passenger and cargo aircraft are treated equitably
 22 in receiving access to training as Federal flight deck offi-
 23 cers.

24 (d) EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.—The requirements of
 25 subsection (c) shall have no effect on the deadlines for im-

1 plementation contained in section 44921 of title 49,
2 United States Code, as in effect on the day before the date
3 of enactment of this Act.

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